

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Teen Courts work with youth in areas such as DWI prevention, substance abuse prevention and counseling. The program offers alternatives such as community service for youth that have committed misdemeanor crimes. Family involvement is encouraged.

This budget request is not contained in the judiciary's unified budget.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

Although there are approximately 20 teen courts in New Mexico, there are currently no standard operating guidelines for running a teen court and no performance measures available by which to measure their performance.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

Relates to HB 647, Santa Fe County Teen Court

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

If SB 637 is not passed, programs that provide counseling and substance abuse prevention could be at risk.

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS

How will the Grant County Teen Court function in comparison to other teen courts around the state?

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